

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING

BROOKLYN CITY COUNCIL

December 28, 2012

3:15 p.m.

Present: Kathy Pucci
Colleen Gallagher
Katie Gallagher
Kevin Tanski
Tom Murphy

Absent: Ron Van Kirk
Tony DeMarco

Pledge of Allegiance.

President Pro-Tem C.Gallagher called the Special meeting to order

REQUESTS:

Request from City Engineer Doug Courtney on behalf of the County Dept. of Public Works for night work during the Ridge Road resurfacing (between 480 and Ira). The request was already authorized in June, but they are looking for a formal vote. Mayor Balbier said that previously the County said they would have meetings with residents in the area, and inform about the night work; he thinks it's too soon for them to have meetings. The resurfacing will start at Memphis, and not even be in front of Ridge Park Square until around 2014. But Councilwoman K.Gallagher had questions from residents, and he hopes to have more answers by the next Council meeting. Councilwoman Pucci reiterated communication will be critical, not just for the construction and night work, but change in traffic patterns. She thinks there will need to be multiple meetings and information. The Mayor said they will make sure this is done. After further discussion it was decided to defer this request until the next regular Council meeting, and all members are present.

Liquor permit request from Hy-Point Stop and Shop at 4295 Tiedeman Road, adding a C2 permit. **MOTION** by C.Gallagher, second by Pucci for no objection. **VOTE RESULTED:** *No Objection:* Yes: Pucci, C.Gallagher, K.Gallagher, Tanski, Murphy. No: None. **(NO OBJECTION)**

LEGISLATION:

ORDINANCE 2012-82: Authorizing inter-fund transfers and advances during 2012. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by C.Gallagher to suspend the rules. **VOTE RESULTED:** *Suspend the Rules:* Yes: Pucci, C.Gallagher, K.Gallagher, Tanski, Murphy. No: None. *Adopt:* Yes: Pucci, C.Gallagher, K.Gallagher, Tanski, Murphy. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**

ORDINANCE 2012-83: Repealing Ordinance 1994-112, as amended by Ordinances 1997-76 and 2008-52, which established the Plain Dealer Debt Service Fund. Councilwoman Pucci said she spoke to Dir. Esarey, and Dir. Claussen will check there are no other requirements to be able to transfer the money back to the General Fund. Dir. Claussen said he reviewed and is 95% sure it is fine; but will check into any further requirements. Dir. Esarey said she is requesting it be passed so no further monies would be put in in 2013, because the debt has been satisfied. Councilwoman Pucci said she is looking for it be 100% sure that before any transfer ordinance. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by C.Gallagher to suspend the rules. **VOTE RESULTED:** *Suspend the Rules:* Yes: Pucci, C.Gallagher, K.Gallagher, Tanski, Murphy. No: None. *Adopt:* Yes: Pucci, C.Gallagher, K.Gallagher, Tanski, Murphy. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**

ORDINANCE 2012-84: Formally authorizing the City Council Finance Committee to act and perform the functions of an Audit Committee. Councilwoman K.Gallagher asked to add, including a member from the business community or a resident with a financial background. Councilwoman Pucci agreed, and suggested amending the fourth Whereas, by adding 'plus one community member with a background in finance.' And the same language in Section 1. Councilman Murphy asked how they will be appointed, and Councilwoman

Pucci said amend it to be appointed by the Finance Committee. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by K.Gallagher to amend it to read, 'plus one community member with a background in Finance, appointed by the Finance Committee. **MOTION RESULTED:** *Amend:* Yes: Pucci, C.Gallagher, K.Gallagher, Tanski, Murphy. No: None. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by C.Gallagher to suspend the rules, as amended. **VOTE RESULTED:** *Suspend the Rules:* Yes: Pucci, C.Gallagher, K.Gallagher, Tanski, Murphy. No: None. *Adopt, as amended:* Yes: Pucci, C.Gallagher, K.Gallagher, Tanski, Murphy. No: None. **(ADOPTED AS AMENDED)**

ORDINANCE 2012-85: Amending Ordinance 2004-51, as amended by Ordinance 2009-55, entitled, 'Establishing petty cash funds for various departments in the City of Brooklyn.' **MOTION** by Pucci, second by C.Gallagher to suspend the rules. **VOTE RESULTED:** *Suspend the Rules:* Yes: Pucci, C.Gallagher, K.Gallagher, Tanski, Murphy. No: None. *Adopt:* Yes: Pucci, C.Gallagher, K.Gallagher, Tanski, Murphy. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**

ORDINANCE 2012-86: Amending and updating the current Fixed Asset Policy, Ordinance 2006-55, including increasing the depreciable asset threshold from \$1,000 to \$7,500. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by K.Gallagher to suspend the rules. **VOTE RESULTED:** *Suspend the Rules:* Yes: Pucci, C.Gallagher, K.Gallagher, Tanski, Murphy. No: None. *Adopt:* Yes: Pucci, C.Gallagher, K.Gallagher, Tanski, Murphy. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**

ORDINANCE 2012-87: Amending Section 1345.01 Fee Schedule, subsection Deposits, of Chapter 1345 of the Building Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Brooklyn, Ohio. **(FIRST READING)**

ORDINANCE 2012-88: Amending the Fire Prevention Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Brooklyn by enacting new Section 1527, Key Box Installations. Chief Zemek said he'd like to get this going with the new year coming, but first reading is fine. Councilwoman Pucci asked if the letter to business owners and Brooklyn Chamber went to all businesses or just those involved with the Chamber. Chief Zemek said it went to every business. He explained he first gave a presentation at the Chamber, and then he wrote a letter for their newsletter, and the Chamber then sent it to every business. **(FIRST READING)**

ORDINANCE 2012-89: Authorizing the purchase of video server and wireless cameras from Integrated Precision Systems (IPS) for \$26,337.37. Dir. Esarey asked for adoption of this so she could issue a purchase order, as the money was set aside in the 2012 budget. Councilwoman K.Gallagher said with State Term we don't always have the lowest bid, and if we looked into anything other than State Term. Dir. Esarey said there were three quotes provided, one State Term, and one of the quotes, though lower, Chief Mielke was not happy with the quote because it was too bare boned and did not put everything together or provide the safety he felt was needed. Also, the man who quoted said after they got to installation the price could go up \$10-\$15,000. Councilwoman Pucci said you can't tell from the information provided what the specs are, and one of the quotes is more specific; so she wants to know if we're sure this is what we want to get. Also you can't tell if these items are compared apples to apples. Dir. Esarey said the Chief told her one guy was very bare bones and not the same, which was why it was so much cheaper, but the other two were the exact same spec, and was not sure why there was such a large price difference. When asked, Dir. Esarey also said that Chief Mielke was very confident that we would be getting what we wanted. Councilwoman Pucci also asked why we waited so late for since it was approved in the spring. Dir. Esarey said in a follow up with the Chief she understands he was trying to get people out for quoting, and the project became bigger pulling all the cameras and servers together for the dispatch to keep track of. She apologized for it being late, but she was following up with the Chief. Councilwoman Pucci asked if we would have the capabilities we did before, with zooming into the park. The Mayor said he was not positive it could, and added that Chief Mielke is on vacation this week. Councilwoman K.Gallagher noticed that the unit pricing on the quotes made it hard to compare, it is not specific, she can't tell. Dir. Esarey said this was agreed to be paid for with the 2012 budget. Councilwoman Pucci said if we don't spend this money in 2012 it will be carried over. Dir. Esarey said yes. Councilwoman Pucci said Council knows it's important, and doesn't think anyone would object. Mayor Balbier said to wait and carry it over to 2013 so Council gets their questions answered. **(FIRST READING)**

ORDINANCE 2012-90: Authorizing agreements between the City of Brooklyn and the Greater Cleveland High School Hockey League for the use of the John M. Coyne Recreation Center for the Baron Cup Ice Hockey Tournament to be held February 4 to February 10, 2013. **(FIRST READING)**

ORDINANCE 2012-91: Health insurance coverage for the positions of part-time Law Director, Prosecutor and Magistrate. Councilwoman Pucci thinks this should be passed so it's in effect for January 1st. She spoke to the Mayor about this, and she requested the members of the Law Dept. to keep track of how many hours they work each week for three months, and it can be extended three months, for accurate depiction of work time. Councilman Murphy asked if this is full coverage – it is full healthcare coverage. The Mayor said they would pay double whatever the unions will pay. **(FIRST READING)**

Mayor Balbier informed he was notified today that since the Board of Health's notification over a year ago that there was sanitary sewer contamination in Stickney Creek, and the completion of the investigation, 13 houses in Brooklyn have been found to have sewer and sanitary lines connected (Beech, Morton, Ansonia, Torrance, Orchard). The City has been notified that the homeowners have to correct the problem or the city will be in trouble with the EPA. Engineer Courtney has drafted a letter to residents, but the Mayor will be revising it, with assistance from Acting Building Commissioner Fitzgerald. Councilman Tanski expressed the unfairness to the homeowner. Councilwoman K.Gallagher said it is now state law it's the homeowner's responsibility. The Mayor said he is looking into any financial assistance that could be available. He wanted Council to be aware of this so that when residents contact them they will know the city is trying to help as much as it can. Councilwoman Pucci asked if we're confident that we were able to test everybody, that we did enough testing, and identified all that have the problem. The Mayor was unable to respond now, but said in his meeting next week with the engineer he will ask. Councilwoman Pucci said there might have to be a Public Works meeting to address this, and show the addresses, and see if everyone was covered. President Pro-Tem C.Gallagher said after the Mayor has his meeting and comes back to Council with answers, that the Public Works Committee should meet with those residents and further answer questions. Councilwoman Pucci asked that Council be provided with a copy of the letter once it's sent to residents so they are aware of the content.

There being no further business, **MOTION** by Pucci, second by C.Gallagher to adjourn. **VOTE RESULTED:** *Adjourn:* Yes: Pucci, C.Gallagher, K.Gallagher, Tanski, Murphy. No: None. **(ADJOURNED)**

Asst. Clerk of Council

President of Council Pro-Tem